



RUS Telecom Program loan and grant programs

- ***“Infrastructure” Loan Program: Since 1949 (REA)***
 - ***Loans to rural ILEC’s for improving telecommunications service in their certificated areas (broadband since mid-90’s)***
2009 Budget - \$690,000,000
- ***Broadband Loan Program: Since 2002***
 - ***Loans for ILEC’s, CLEC’s and other service providers who offer Broadband (high-speed Internet) services in eligible communities***
2009 Budget ~ \$400,000,000
- ***Community Connect Grants :***
 - ***Part of Broadband Program, targeted to single, unserved towns – includes public access requirements***
2009 Budget ~ \$14,000,000
- ***Distance Learning/Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program: Since 1993***
 - ***Loans and grants for providing DLT services to rural residents***
2009 Budget ~ \$30,000,000

RUS Loan Programs

Some Comparisons



	Infrastructure	Broadband
Eligible Entities	ILECS	ILEC's, CLEC's, Other
Population Limits	5,000 (grandfathered)	20,000
Type of service	Broadband, since 1993	Broadband
Technology	Typically wireline, now primarily FTTP	Technology neutral, FTTH, wireless, satellite, hybrid
Area Coverage	Entire exchange	N/A
Interest rates	Cost of Money	Cost of Money
Loan Term	Calculated life of equipment financed, +3yrs	Calculated life of equipment financed



RUS in Iowa

All loans and grants from 1949 through September 30, 2009

Net Obligations - Loans/Grants less Rescissions

	Obligations (Since 1949)	#Loans/Grants (Since 1971)	#Borrowers (Since 1971)
Infrastructure Loans	\$457,985,094	204	83
Broadband Loans	\$30,141,947	8	7
DLT Loans/Grants	\$6,589,966	~20	
Community Connect Grants	\$376,968	2	
Totals	\$495,093,975		

